AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0003] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0003] With reference to Figures 1, 2 and 3, the turf machine 2 includes a rear deck frame or base 54 having a handlebar support structure 196 rigidly mounted to and extending upwardly from the base 54. A front frame or mower deck 212 under which belts and cutting blades (not shown) are located extends forwardly from the rear deck or base. The cutter drive belts and rotary grass-cutting blades are implemented under the mower deck as shown and described in publicly available Ransomes Mid-Size Cutter Decks Parts Manual, P/N-2308096. A power source, such as a conventional internal combustion engine shown generally at 200, is mounted to base 54 and provides power to the various components of the machine in any conventional or suitable manner including those well known in the art, such as flexible belt drives or hydraulic pump and motor drives. Turf care machine 2 also includes a fuel tank ~~198~~ 197 mounted on the handlebar support structure 196 for storing fuel used by engine 200. In addition a master pump speed control lever 199 is provided near the top of handle bar structure 196 for setting and/or adjusting the maximum displacement of variable volume 10. Lever 199 is connected via a conventional mechanical linkage 203 to the displacement control operator 205 projecting from pump 10. Also provided on the top plate 209 of handlebar structure 196 is a motor speed control lever 211 connected by a conventional mechanical linkage, such as a Bowden cable arrangement (not shown), to the throttle lever (not shown) of motor 200.

Please amend the Abstract section of the specification as rewritten in amendment format.

A turf care machine includes a base mounted on a plurality of wheels, a support structure affixed to and extending from the base for supporting a turf machine operator interface, and a hydraulic control system for regulating the speed and direction of the mower. The hydraulic system includes: an engine with a drive shaft; a single hydraulic pump driven by the engine; a first valve set having an inlet connected to the pump outlet; a first hydraulic wheel motor connected to the first valve set; a second valve set connected to the first valve set and to second hydraulic wheel motor. This drive system has the advantage of using only one pump for driving both drive wheels in a ~~seemingly~~ independent dual path mode of operation, thereby minimizing cost and the number of fluid linkages and parts in such a system.